

353.010 Definitions for chapter.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Barrel" or "barrel of oil" means forty-two (42) standard United States liquid measure gallons of two hundred thirty-one (231) cubic inches per gallon, computed at a temperature of sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit.
- (2) "Casing" means a string or strings of pipe commonly placed in wells drilled for natural gas and petroleum.
- (3) "Cement" means hydraulic cement properly mixed with water only.
- (4) "Coal operator" means any person who proposes to or does operate a coal mine.
- (5) "Cubic feet of gas" means the volume of gas contained in one (1) cubic foot of space at a standard pressure base of fourteen and seventy-three hundredths (14.73) pounds per square inch and a temperature base of sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit.
- (6) "Department" means the Department for Natural Resources.
- (7) "Gas" means natural gas.
- (8) "Gas well" means any well which:
 - (a) Produces natural gas not associated or blended with crude petroleum oil any time during production; or
 - (b) Produces more than ten thousand (10,000) cubic feet of natural gas to each barrel of crude petroleum oil from the same producing horizon.
- (9) "Oil" means petroleum.
- (10) "Oil well" means any well which produces one (1) barrel or more of oil to each ten thousand (10,000) cubic feet of natural gas.
- (11) "Plat" means a map, drawing, or print showing the location of a well.
- (12) "Unit" means any tract or tracts which the department has determined is underlaid by a pool or pools of oil and associated gas, and is not a "drilling unit" as defined in KRS 353.510(19).
- (13) "Well" means a borehole drilled or proposed to be drilled for the purpose of producing natural gas or petroleum, or one through which natural gas or petroleum is being produced.
- (14) "Well operator" means any person who proposes to or does locate, drill, operate, or abandon any well.
- (15) "Workable bed" means:
 - (a) A coal bed actually being operated commercially,
 - (b) A coal bed that the department decides can be operated commercially and the operation of which can reasonably be expected to commence within not more than ten (10) years, or
 - (c) Any coal bed that, from outcrop indication or other definite evidence, proves to the satisfaction of the department to be workable and, when operated, will require protection if wells are drilled through it.

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